

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A hair piece for connection with basic hair comprising:
a plurality of hair bundles each comprising a number of parallel hairs, each hair bundle having a free and an upper-bound end,
an elongated weaving band comprising two elongated strips, wherein each strip is connected to the upper-bound end of one or more hair bundles, wherein each strip further comprises one or more weaving elements, and wherein hairs of the one or more hair bundles are interconnected individually or in groups with the weaving elements of the strips,
connection openings configured to accept basic hair, and
connection elements connecting the two strips provided at regular intervals along the weaving band,
wherein the hair piece is configurable into a folded configuration and an unfolded configuration, wherein the hair piece is folded along the weaving band so as to overlay the elongated strips with each other in the folded configuration, wherein the free ends of the hair bundles extend in the same direction with respect to each other when the hair piece is in the folded configuration, and wherein the free ends of the hair bundles extend in opposite directions with respect to each other when the hair piece is in the unfolded configuration.
2. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the connection openings are provided between the connection elements.
3. (Withdrawn) The hair piece according to claim 2, wherein the connection openings are formed by strip loops or by joined weaving elements.
4. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the connection openings are formed by free space which is present between the connected strips.
- 5-8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the strips of the hair bundles are interconnected by means of connection elements provided transversely at a regular distance.

12. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, characterized in that upper sides of the strips are transversely abuttingly positioned with respect to each other.

13. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein two connection elements are repeatedly provided at a short distance with respect to each other.

14. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the hair bundles comprise small groups of hairs provided with interspaces having little or no hair.

15-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A method for attaching into basic hair a hair piece, said hair piece comprising at least a first hair bundle and a second hair bundle, each hair bundle comprising a number of parallel hairs and having a free end and an upper-bound end, the first and second hair bundles being attached to opposite edges of an elongated weaving band, said elongated weaving band comprising one or more strips, the method comprising the following steps:

a) unfolding the hair piece in a substantially flat plane in such a way that the free ends of the hair bundles are extending in opposite directions with respect to each other,

b) positioning the weaving band in close proximity to the basic hair, such that the hair bundles remain extended in opposite directions,

c) passing at least one time a number of basic hairs through a connection opening of the hair piece,

d) interconnecting the passed through basic hairs with the weaving band or with other basic hair,

e) repeating the steps c) through d) for another connection opening located in the weaving band until the hair piece is sufficiently fixedly connected with the basic hair along the length of the weaving band.

21. (Original) The method for attaching a hair piece according to claim 20, wherein step d) further hairs comprises the following steps:

positioning an adhesion piece onto the basic hairs , and fixedly interconnecting the adhesion piece with the hairs.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the adhesion piece is attached onto the basic hair by means of a thin sheet-shaped hull, positioned at a distance of about 2 – 3 cm. from the weaving band .

23. (Previously Presented) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the weaving elements are made from hair, cotton or synthetic material.

24. (Currently amended) A hair piece comprising at least a first hair bundle and a second hair bundle, each hair bundle comprising a number of parallel hairs and having a free end and an upper-bound end, the first and second hair bundles being attached to opposite edges of an elongated weaving band, said elongated weaving band comprising one or more strips, said elongated weaving band being configured to fold over to conceal at least one interconnecting knot of basic hair such that the free ends of all the hair bundles extend downward after hair piece installation.

25. (Previously Presented) The hair piece of Claim 24, wherein the weaving band comprises two elongated strips joined by connecting elements.

26. (Withdrawn) The hair piece of Claim 24, wherein the weaving band comprises a single strip, and connection openings for basic hair are provided within said single strip.

27. (Previously Presented) The hair piece of Claim 24, wherein the weaving band comprises two parallel strips, and connection openings for basic hair are provided between the two parallel strips.